

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A system for distributing a signal in a digital network for distribution of transport streams carrying a plurality of services, ~~the system~~ comprising:

a transmitter ~~configured to generate for generating~~ numbering information ~~pertaining to the plurality of services, for including the numbering information into the signal~~ and for transmitting the signal,

a receiver for receiving the signal, for retrieving the numbering information from the signal, and for numbering services ~~of the plurality of services in dependence of the number information, wherein the transport streams include network information tables, and wherein each network information table comprises a first descriptor providing information to the receiver on performing an automatic service update, a linkage descriptor indicating a move of a service to another network, and a second descriptor indicating the numbering information.~~

2. (Currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ~~numbering information pertains to a history of the plurality of services~~ network

information table also comprises at least one of the following: service list descriptors and frequency list descriptors.

3. (Currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ~~numbering information pertains to a modification of a service out of the plurality of services~~ prior to a transmitter reconfiguration involving changes of frequencies allocated to the services, the transport streams include a network information table indicating the new transmitter frequencies to be adopted after the transmitter reconfiguration, wherein the receiver is arranged to store the information about new transmitter frequencies in a memory for use after the new transmitter configurations are initiated.

4. (Currently amended) A system as claimed in claim [[3]] 2, wherein the ~~modification comprises a frequency modification, a transport stream modification and/or network modification~~ first descriptor indicates if the automatic service update of the receiver can utilize information in the service list descriptors.

5. (Currently amended) A system as claimed in claim [[1]] 2, wherein the ~~numbering information pertains to a change in the transmitting~~ first descriptor

indicates if the automatic service update of the receiver can utilize information in the frequency list descriptors.

6. (Currently amended) A ~~transmitter for use in a system as claimed in claim 1~~ system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the linkage descriptor distinguishes between at least one of the following: a move of a service to another network, the move of a service within a network, and a move of a service to a new network.

7-15. (Canceled).